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§1610.6 Applicability.

(a) The prohibitions referred to in §§1610.2(a)(3) (Criminal proceedings), (a)(4) (Actions challenging criminal convictions) or (b)(11) (Prisoner litigation) of this part will not apply to the non-LSC funds of the attorney, law firm, entity of attorneys, or the public defender program or project and will not apply to funds received to support criminal or related cases accepted pursuant to a court appointment, if the Corporation or a recipient makes a contract or other arrangement for the provision of civil legal assistance with:

(1) A private attorney, law firm or state or local entity of attorneys that represents clients in criminal cases or matters.

(2) A legal aid organization that provides criminal and related legal assistance through a separately funded public defender program or project; or

(3) A legal aid organization that accepts criminal or related cases pursuant to a court appointment.

(b) If a recipient uses non-LSC funds to enter into a contract or other arrangement with another person or entity for the provision of civil legal assistance, the restrictions referred to in this part will apply to the funds transferred, but will not apply to the other non-LSC funds of the person or entity.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, this part does not apply to a transfer of LSC funds. Transfer of LSC funds is governed by 45 CFR part 1627.

§1610.7 Accounting.

Funds received by a recipient from a source other than the Corporation shall be accounted for as separate and distinct receipts and disbursements in a manner directed by the Corporation.

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§1611.1 Purpose.

This part is designed to ensure that a recipient will determine eligibility according to criteria that give preference to the legal needs of those least able to obtain legal assistance, and afford sufficient latitude for a recipient to consider local circumstances and its own resource limitations. The part also seeks to ensure that eligibility is determined in a manner conducive to development of an effective attorney-client relationship.

§1611.2 Definitions.

Governmental program for the poor means any Federal, State or local program that provides benefits of any kind to persons whose eligibility is determined on the basis of financial need.

Income means actual current annual total cash receipts before taxes of all persons who are resident members of, and contribute to, the support of a family unit.

Total cash receipts include money wages and salaries before any deduction, but do not include food or rent in lieu of wages; income from self-employment after deductions for business or farm expenses; regular payments from public assistance; social security; unemployment and worker's compensation; strike benefits from union funds; veterans benefits; training stipends; alimony, child support and military family allotments or other regular support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household; public or private employee pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments; and income from dividends, interest, rents, royalties or from estates and trusts. They do not include money withdrawn from a bank, tax refunds, gifts, compensation and/or one-time insurance payments for injuries sustained, and non-cash benefits.